

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3610, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, and that I may be permitted to include tabular and extraneous materials.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman for Florida?

There was no objection.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). Pursuant to House Resolution 453 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 3610.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3610) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, with Mr. CAMP in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. YOUNG] and the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MURTHA] each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida [Mr. YOUNG].

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I am very happy to present to the House what I think is an excellent national defense appropri-

tions bill. There will be those who disagree with that statement, but I have to say this, that this bill was created by Members of both parties in a bipartisan fashion and the bill that we bring to the floor is agreed to by the vast majority of the subcommittee and the full Committee on Appropriations.

We did this because of the tremendous cooperation that the Members showed toward each other in dealing with the issues. And those issues were decided based on the merit, based on whether or not they contributed something to our national security, and based on whether or not there actually was a requirement for what we included in the bill.

There was no question about who did it help politically or where did it create jobs or not create jobs. The decisions were based on what is good to provide for the security of this Nation, and our interests, wherever they might be.

And not only the Members who are outstanding members of this committee on both sides, I wanted to take just a minute and call attention to those who serve us at the staff level, those staffers who work here hours and hours late at night after we have done our work and gone home.

And I want to point out Kevin Roper, for whom this Congress is his first time as the chief clerk of this subcommittee and has done such an outstanding job. His brain is like a computer. He is able to call up information without any hesitation when he is called upon to do that.

John Plashal, Dave Kilian, Alicia Jones, Juliet Pacquing, Greg Walters, Trish Keenan, Doug Gregory, Paul Juola, Tina Jonas, Steve Nixon, Stacy Trimble; Paige Schreiner, who by the way is on maternity leave, just having had a lovely new daughter; and Cynthia Hill, who was a detailee from Navy; and Mr. Greg Dahlberg, who works as a partner with Kevin Roper, who also is a tremendous asset to the work of this subcommittee; and Carmen Scialabba, who is in Mr. MURTHA'S office.

These ladies and gentlemen have all made tremendous contributions to helping this subcommittee do its work with the thousands and thousands of items and thousands and thousands of decisions that we have made during our markup.

Mr. Chairman, I wanted to say this: This bill that we present, we started with the President's budget request. There are those who say that, "Well, you are a Republican Congress. When

the President's budget gets there, it is going to be dead on arrival." And we assured them all that is not the case.

We worked in cooperation with the administration. We began with the President's budget. We believed then, and we still believe, that it was short in a number of areas; so we made some additions. But basically and budget requested by the President is provided for in this bill.

But I will call to the attention of the Members some of the adds that we included, but let me tell Members about the numbers. We began with a 602(b) allocation of \$246.6 billion and we marked to that amount, and we did the best we could to get the most for the money that we possibly could. At that, based on real growth, counting for inflation, is actually \$4 billion under last year's bill.

By the time we got to the full committee, we had to make another \$800 million reduction. So again we stood up to the plate, and we made that \$800 billion reduction based on what the leadership thought would be the budget split between the House number and the Senate number.

Well, now we come to the floor, and that number is not low enough, based on the budget resolution we passed yesterday. So we will have to offer an amendment today that will cut an additional \$500 million out of this bill, and that amendment has been prepared with the cooperation and work of all of the members of the subcommittee. By the time we finish with that amendment, this bill will be down to \$245.3 billion. That is \$4.7 billion under last year if we adjust for inflation, which is the realistic thing to do, and it is \$1.6 billion under the authorized levels.

We have worked closely with the authorizers, with the chairman of the Committee on National Security and with the chairman of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, to fashion this bill. We have worked in lock step. We cannot provide everything that they authorize because we do not have that much money available. But the bill we are going to vote on today is very close to the bill that Members have already voted in large numbers to support for the intelligence authorization bill and as well as the national security authorization bill. As we get into the amendments, we will then get into more debate about the bill.

Mr. Chairman, I submit the following tabular material for the RECORD:

FY 1997 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL (H.R. 3610)

	FY 1996 Enacted	FY 1997 Estimate	Bill	Bill compared with Enacted	Bill compared with Estimate
TITLE I					
MILITARY PERSONNEL					
Military Personnel, Army.....	19,946,187,000	20,580,738,000	20,692,838,000	+ 746,651,000	+ 112,100,000
Military Personnel, Navy.....	17,008,563,000	16,942,956,000	17,000,856,000	- 7,707,000	+ 57,900,000
Military Personnel, Marine Corps.....	5,885,740,000	6,102,108,000	6,103,808,000	+ 218,068,000	+ 1,700,000
Military Personnel, Air Force.....	17,207,743,000	17,043,150,000	17,099,550,000	-108,193,000	+ 56,400,000
Reserve Personnel, Army.....	2,122,466,000	2,043,679,000	2,083,379,000	-39,087,000	+ 39,700,000
Reserve Personnel, Navy.....	1,355,523,000	1,386,306,000	1,392,406,000	+ 36,883,000	+ 6,100,000
Reserve Personnel, Marine Corps.....	378,151,000	381,143,000	387,943,000	+ 9,792,000	+ 6,800,000
Reserve Personnel, Air Force.....	784,586,000	775,967,000	780,497,000	-4,089,000	+ 4,530,000
National Guard Personnel, Army.....	3,242,422,000	3,242,493,000	3,279,393,000	+ 36,971,000	+ 36,900,000
National Guard Personnel, Air Force.....	1,259,627,000	1,284,290,000	1,294,490,000	+ 34,863,000	+ 10,200,000
Total, title I, Military Personnel.....	69,191,008,000	69,782,830,000	70,115,160,000	+ 924,152,000	+ 332,330,000
TITLE II					
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE					
Operation and Maintenance, Army.....	18,321,965,000	18,031,145,000	18,365,679,000	+ 43,714,000	+ 334,534,000
(By transfer - National Defense Stockpile).....	(50,000,000)	(83,334,000)	(50,000,000)		(-33,334,000)
Operation and Maintenance, Navy.....	21,279,425,000	20,112,864,000	20,390,397,000	-889,028,000	+ 277,533,000
(By transfer - National Defense Stockpile).....	(50,000,000)	(83,333,000)	(50,000,000)		(-33,333,000)
Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps.....	2,392,522,000	2,203,777,000	2,465,077,000	+ 72,555,000	+ 261,300,000
Operation and Maintenance, Air Force.....	18,606,167,000	17,830,122,000	17,938,755,000	-667,412,000	+ 108,633,000
(By transfer - National Defense Stockpile).....	(50,000,000)	(83,333,000)	(50,000,000)		(-33,333,000)
Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide.....	10,388,595,000	10,156,468,000	10,212,985,000	-175,610,000	+ 56,517,000
(By transfer).....	(15,000,000)			(-15,000,000)	
Operation and Maintenance, Army Reserve.....	1,119,191,000	1,084,436,000	1,116,436,000	- 2,755,000	+ 32,000,000
Operation and Maintenance, Navy Reserve.....	859,542,000	843,927,000	882,927,000	+ 23,385,000	+ 39,000,000
Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps Reserve.....	100,283,000	99,667,000	108,467,000	+ 8,184,000	+ 8,800,000
Operation and Maintenance, Air Force Reserve.....	1,519,267,000	1,488,553,000	1,491,553,000	-27,734,000	+ 3,000,000
Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard.....	2,440,808,000	2,208,477,000	2,268,477,000	-172,331,000	+ 60,000,000
Operation and Maintenance, Air National Guard.....	2,776,121,000	2,654,473,000	2,671,373,000	-104,748,000	+ 16,900,000
United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.....	6,521,000	6,797,000	6,797,000		
Environmental Restoration, Army.....		356,916,000			-356,916,000
Environmental Restoration, Navy.....		302,900,000			-302,900,000
Environmental Restoration, Air Force.....		414,700,000			-414,700,000
Environmental Restoration, Defense-Wide.....		258,500,000			-258,500,000
Environmental Restoration, Defense.....	1,422,200,000		1,333,016,000	-89,184,000	+ 1,333,016,000
Summer Olympics.....	15,000,000			-15,000,000	
Former Soviet Union threat reduction.....	300,000,000	327,900,000	302,900,000	+ 2,900,000	-25,000,000
Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid.....	50,000,000	80,544,000	60,544,000	+ 10,544,000	-20,000,000
(Transfer out).....	(-15,000,000)			(+ 15,000,000)	
Quality of Life Enhancements, Defense.....			975,000,000	+ 975,000,000	+ 975,000,000
Total, title II, Operation and maintenance.....	81,597,627,000	78,462,166,000	80,590,383,000	-1,007,244,000	+ 2,128,217,000
(By transfer).....	(150,000,000)	(250,000,000)	(150,000,000)		(-100,000,000)
TITLE III					
PROCUREMENT					
Aircraft Procurement, Army.....	1,558,805,000	970,815,000	1,308,709,000	-250,096,000	+ 337,894,000
Missile Procurement, Army.....	865,555,000	766,329,000	1,044,767,000	+ 179,212,000	+ 278,438,000
Procurement of Weapons and Tracked Combat Vehicles, Army.....	1,652,745,000	1,102,014,000	1,500,414,000	-152,331,000	+ 398,400,000
Procurement of Ammunition, Army.....	1,110,685,000	853,428,000	1,150,128,000	+ 39,443,000	+ 296,700,000
Other Procurement, Army.....	2,769,443,000	2,627,440,000	2,899,040,000	+ 129,597,000	+ 271,600,000
Aircraft Procurement, Navy.....	4,589,394,000	5,881,952,000	6,896,552,000	+ 2,307,158,000	+ 1,014,600,000
Weapons Procurement, Navy.....	1,669,827,000	1,400,363,000	1,364,408,000	-285,419,000	-15,955,000
Procurement of Ammunition, Navy and Marine Corps.....	430,053,000		341,689,000	-88,364,000	+ 341,689,000
Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy.....	6,643,958,000	4,911,930,000	4,719,930,000	-1,924,028,000	-192,000,000
Other Procurement, Navy.....	2,483,581,000	2,714,195,000	2,889,591,000	+ 406,010,000	+ 175,396,000
Procurement, Marine Corps.....	458,947,000	555,507,000	623,973,000	+ 165,026,000	+ 68,466,000
Aircraft Procurement, Air Force.....	7,367,983,000	5,779,228,000	7,326,628,000	-41,355,000	+ 1,547,400,000
Missile Procurement, Air Force.....	2,943,931,000	2,733,877,000	2,279,500,000	-664,431,000	-454,377,000
Procurement of Ammunition, Air Force.....	338,800,000		272,177,000	-66,623,000	+ 272,177,000
Other Procurement, Air Force.....	6,284,230,000	5,998,819,000	6,078,539,000	-205,691,000	+ 79,720,000
Procurement, Defense-Wide.....	2,124,379,000	1,841,212,000	2,247,812,000	+ 123,433,000	+ 406,600,000
National Guard and Reserve Equipment.....	777,000,000		908,000,000	+ 131,000,000	+ 908,000,000
Total, title III, Procurement.....	44,069,316,000	38,137,109,000	43,871,857,000	-197,459,000	+ 5,734,748,000
TITLE IV					
RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION					
Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army.....	4,870,684,000	4,320,640,000	4,874,537,000	+ 3,853,000	+ 553,897,000
(By transfer).....	(8,000,000)			(-8,000,000)	
Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy.....	8,758,132,000	7,334,734,000	8,399,357,000	-358,775,000	+ 1,064,623,000
Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force.....	13,126,567,000	14,417,456,000	14,969,573,000	+ 1,843,006,000	+ 552,117,000
Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide.....	9,461,057,000	8,398,836,000	9,068,558,000	-392,499,000	+ 669,722,000
Developmental Test and Evaluation, Defense.....	251,082,000	252,038,000	272,038,000	+ 20,956,000	+ 20,000,000
Operational Test and Evaluation, Defense.....	22,587,000	21,968,000	26,968,000	+ 4,381,000	+ 5,000,000
Total, title IV, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation.....	36,490,109,000	34,745,672,000	37,611,031,000	+ 1,120,922,000	+ 2,865,359,000

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	FY 1996 Enacted	FY 1997 Estimate	Bill	Bill compared with Enacted	Bill compared with Estimate
TITLE V					
REVOLVING AND MANAGEMENT FUNDS					
Defense business operations fund.....	878,700,000	947,900,000	947,900,000	+ 69,200,000	.....
National Defense Sealift Fund:					
Ready Reserve Force.....	289,000,000	261,000,000	261,000,000	-28,000,000	.....
Acquisition	735,220,000	702,002,000	1,643,002,000	+ 907,782,000	+ 941,000,000
Total	1,024,220,000	963,002,000	1,904,002,000	+ 879,782,000	+ 941,000,000
Total, title V, Revolving and Management Funds.....	1,902,920,000	1,910,902,000	2,851,902,000	+ 948,982,000	+ 941,000,000
TITLE VI					
OTHER DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS					
Defense health program:					
Operation and maintenance.....	9,938,325,000	9,358,288,000	9,398,188,000	-540,137,000	+ 39,900,000
(Transfer out).....	(-8,000,000)	.....	.....	(+ 8,000,000)	.....
Procurement	288,033,000	269,470,000	269,470,000	-18,563,000	.....
Total, Defense Health Program	10,226,358,000	9,627,758,000	9,667,658,000	-558,700,000	+ 39,900,000
Chemical Agents and Munitions Destruction, Defense: 1/					
Operation and maintenance.....	353,850,000	477,947,000	477,947,000	+ 124,097,000	.....
Procurement	265,000,000	273,600,000	273,600,000	+ 8,600,000	.....
Research, development, test, and evaluation	53,400,000	48,300,000	48,300,000	-5,100,000	.....
Total, Chemical Agents.....	672,250,000	799,847,000	799,847,000	+ 127,597,000	.....
Drug Interdiction Defense.....	688,432,000	642,724,000	774,724,000	+ 86,292,000	+ 132,000,000
Office of the Inspector General.....	178,226,000	138,501,000	138,501,000	-39,725,000	.....
Total, title VI, Other Department of Defense Programs	11,765,266,000	11,208,830,000	11,380,730,000	-384,536,000	+ 171,900,000
TITLE VII					
RELATED AGENCIES					
Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System Fund	213,900,000	196,400,000	196,400,000	-17,500,000	.....
Intelligence Community Management Account.....	90,683,000	91,739,000	149,555,000	+ 58,872,000	+ 57,816,000
National Security Education Trust Fund	7,500,000	5,100,000	.....	-7,500,000	-5,100,000
Payment to Kaho'olawe Island conveyance remediation and Environmental Restoration Fund.....	25,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	-15,000,000	.....
Total, title VII, Related agencies.....	337,083,000	303,239,000	355,955,000	+ 18,872,000	+ 52,716,000
TITLE VIII					
GENERAL PROVISIONS					
Additional transfer authority (sec. 8005).....	(3,100,000,000)	(2,000,000,000)	(2,000,000,000)	(-1,100,000,000)	.....
Contractor ADP	-30,000,000	.....	.....	+ 30,000,000	.....
Rescissions	-561,217,000	.....	.....	+ 561,217,000	.....
Inflation Reestimate	-832,000,000	.....	.....	+ 832,000,000	.....
Management efficiencies.....	-442,000,000	.....	.....	+ 442,000,000	.....
FFRDCs labs.....	-90,000,000	.....	.....	+ 90,000,000	.....
Overseas Military Fac Investment Recovery (sec. 8045) .....	.....	1,000,000	1,000,000	+ 1,000,000	.....
National Science Center, Army (sec. 8055).....	85,000	120,000	120,000	+ 35,000	.....
Disposal & lease of DOD real property (sec. 8042)	8,000,000	26,565,000	26,565,000	+ 18,565,000	.....
Air Force DBOF pass through (sec. 8082) .....	.....	.....	-195,000,000	-195,000,000	-195,000,000
Spare parts inventories (sec. 8089) .....	.....	.....	-350,000,000	-350,000,000	-350,000,000
Excess funded carryover (sec. 8076) .....	.....	.....	-500,000,000	-500,000,000	-500,000,000
Total, title VIII	-1,947,132,000	27,685,000	-1,017,315,000	+ 929,817,000	-1,045,000,000
GRAND BILL TOTAL.....	243,406,197,000	234,578,433,000	245,759,703,000	+ 2,353,506,000	+ 11,181,270,000
Total, Department of Defense:					
Bill total	243,406,197,000	234,578,433,000	245,759,703,000	+ 2,353,506,000	+ 11,181,270,000
Scorekeeping adjustments	-1,338,900,000	100,000,000	.....	+ 1,338,900,000	-100,000,000
Grand total	242,067,297,000	234,678,433,000	245,759,703,000	+ 3,692,406,000	+ 11,081,270,000

NOTE: Grand total does not include \$820 million in emergency appropriations enacted in PL 104-134. The FY 1996 grand total including these appropriations is \$242,887,297,000.

1/ Included in Budget under Procurement title.

FY 1997 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL (H.R. 3610)

	FY 1996 Enacted	FY 1997 Estimate	Bill	Bill compared with Enacted	Bill compared with Estimate
RECAPITULATION					
Title I - Military Personnel.....	69,191,008,000	69,782,830,000	70,115,160,000	+ 924,152,000	+ 332,330,000
Title II - Operation and Maintenance	81,597,627,000	78,462,166,000	80,590,383,000	-1,007,244,000	+ 2,128,217,000
Title III - Procurement.....	44,069,316,000	38,137,109,000	43,871,857,000	-197,459,000	+ 5,734,748,000
Title IV - Research, Development, Test and Evaluation.....	36,490,109,000	34,745,672,000	37,611,031,000	+ 1,120,922,000	+ 2,865,359,000
Title V - Revolving and Management Funds	1,902,920,000	1,910,902,000	2,851,902,000	+ 948,982,000	+ 941,000,000
Title VI - Other Department of Defense Programs	11,765,286,000	11,208,830,000	11,380,730,000	-384,536,000	+ 171,900,000
Title VII - Related agencies	337,083,000	303,239,000	355,955,000	+ 18,872,000	+ 52,716,000
Title VIII - General provisions	-1,947,132,000	27,685,000	-1,017,315,000	+ 929,817,000	-1,045,000,000
(Additional transfer authority)	(3,100,000,000)	(2,000,000,000)	(2,000,000,000)	(-1,100,000,000)	.....
Total, Department of Defense.....	243,406,197,000	234,578,433,000	245,759,703,000	+ 2,353,506,000	+ 11,181,270,000
Scorekeeping adjustments	-1,338,900,000	100,000,000	+ 1,338,900,000	-100,000,000
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Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the fiscal year 1997 Department of Defense appropriations bill.

The bill before contains many valuable provisions that will enhance the readiness of our Armed Forces and improve the quality of life for the men and women who serve in our Nation's military. The 3 percent pay raise for military personnel, the additional funding for medical care for active duty members and military retirees, and the resources dedicated to repair and upgrade substandard military barracks are three important provisions that will strengthen troop morale and in turn improve the combat readiness of our military.

I also take this opportunity to highlight two items in this bill that are critically important to the Nation's defense and to my State of North Dakota. First, this bill fully funds the Minuteman III life extension/modernization program to preserve the viability and reliability of our ICBM force well into the next century as recommended by the Nuclear Posture Review. Second, the legislation maintains the number of fighters assigned to the Nation's general purpose Air National Guard fighter units at 15 Primary Assigned Aircraft. Given the increasing reliance on the National Guard to defend our national interest, it makes good sense to maintain current fighter force levels.

Mr. Chairman, I am disappointed that this bill does not include a provision similar to Section 1302 of the fiscal year 1997 Defense Authorization bill to strictly prohibit the retirement of B-52 bombers. The B-52 remains our Nation's most combat capable bomber and should not be prematurely retired as proposed by the administration. While I understand that the Appropriation bill provision may suffice in blocking the retirement of B-52s, I am hopeful and confident that the final Defense Appropriations will include a similar provision.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I do have concern regarding the \$10.2 billion increase this bill provides over and above the Pentagon's request. I voted in favor of both the Schroeder and the Shays amendments to reduce bill's funding and make it more consistent with our effort to balance the Federal budget. Although I am disappointed that these amendments failed, I will support passage of the bill because, in the final analysis, it fulfills an important commitment to our troops and the Nation's defense. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 3610, the National Security Appropriations bill, and to thank my friend and colleague from the great State of Florida, Chairman BILL YOUNG, for all his good work on this bill that is so important to U.S. interests at home and abroad.

Defense spending, adjusted for inflation, has been cut each and every year since 1985. Despite this decline, the President's budget called for a \$10 billion cut in fiscal year 1997. During testimony before the House Committee on National Security, all of the Joint Chiefs have suggested the President's budget was not adequate to address the needs of our national defense.

Mr. Chairman, H.R. 3610 provides the funds needed to ensure that we have the best equipped troops in the world prepared to de-

fend our Nation. Chairman YOUNG has made great strides at increasing military readiness by increasing the quality of life for our troops. The world remains a dangerous place at the same time the U.S. force structure has hit its lowest level in 50 years. The frequent deployment of our troops has created many problems for our soldiers and their families. To address this situation, this bill provides a needed 3 percent pay raise for the brave men and women who have volunteered to defend our Nation.

Another important issue addressed in this bill is the need to maintain adequate health care for our soldiers. By adding \$475 million to the President's request for defense health care, we are insuring that our troops will be ready for whatever mission might surface. If this House had not supported a higher level of health care funding, the services would have had to make deep reductions in the medical care we promised our service members.

This bill also adds \$400 million for the repair and upgrade of military barracks. Two-thirds of this housing is currently rated by the DOD as substandard. This is an important component of maintaining a high level of readiness for our Armed Forces. Our sailors and soldiers make many personal sacrifices to provide for our Nation's defense. We owe it to them to provide a decent place for these men and women and their families to live.

H.R. 3610 also addresses the concerns of the Joint Chiefs by adding necessary funds for the weapons procurement needs identified by our field commanders. The Joint Chiefs and the Chairman know that funding for weapons procurement has declined by nearly 75 percent in real terms over the past 11 years. With a smaller force structure, our troops will have an even greater need for the most modern and capable weapons available. This bill ensures that our troops will be equipped with these weapons.

I will gladly support this bill and urge my colleagues to do the same. Again, thank you, Mr. Chairman, for your hard work on this bill that balances the need for a fiscally sound defense program with the needs our men and women who serve our great Nation. Your work is truly appreciated.

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 3610, and particularly want to commend the Committee for including funds for cooperative DOD/VA medical research. In providing \$25 million in funding for this important activity, the Committee is helping foster valuable research that serves not only our active duty personnel, but veterans as well.

These moneys will help fund research into such areas as combat casualty care, Persian Gulf veterans' illnesses, and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Members may not be fully aware of the kind of bang Congress and the Nation have gotten from putting bucks into VA research. By way of example, the contributions VA research program has given us over the years include such developments as:

Surgical transplanting of kidneys using drugs to suppress organ rejection; an artificial foot that allows amputees to jog and play sports; drugs for the treatment of diseases including tuberculosis; and a taking computer for the blind.

The military and this Nation will benefit by providing funds that encourage cooperative VA and DOD research efforts.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIRMAN. All time for general debate has expired.

Pursuant to the rule, the bill shall be considered for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

Before consideration of any other amendment, it shall be in order to consider the amendment printed in House Report 104-619 if offered by the gentleman from Florida [Mr. YOUNG] or his designee. That amendment shall be considered read, may amend portions of the bill not yet read for amendment, shall be debatable for 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

If that amendment is adopted, the bill, as amended, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment.

During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chair may accord priority in recognition to a Member offering an amendment that he has printed in the designated place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Those amendments will be considered read.

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment and may reduce to not less than 5 minutes the time for voting by electronic device on any postponed question that immediately follows another vote by electronic device without intervening business, provided that the time for voting by electronic device on the first in any series of questions shall not be less than 15 minutes.

After the reading of the final lines of the bill, a motion that the Committee of the Whole rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted shall, if offered by the majority leader or a designee, have precedence over a motion to amend.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. YOUNG OF FLORIDA

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment made in order by the rule.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. YOUNG of Florida: On page 17, line 9, strike "\$1,044,767,000" and insert "\$988,567,000".

On page 17, line 10, strike all after "1999" through the end of line 12, except the period.

On page 22, line 6, strike "\$4,719,930,000" and insert "\$4,469,930,000".

On page 24, line 17, strike "\$7,326,628,000" and insert "\$7,274,628,000".

On page 24, line 19, strike "\$54,700,000" and insert "\$2,700,000".

On page 29, line 10, strike "\$14,969,573,000" and insert "\$14,869,573,000".

On page 29, line 15, strike "\$1,698,486,000" and insert "\$1,598,486,000".

On page 82, line 6, strike "\$350,000,000" and insert "\$400,000,000".

On page 82, line 11, strike "\$226,400,000" and insert "\$276,400,000".

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. YOUNG] and a Member opposed will each control 10 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida [Mr. YOUNG].

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, as I explained during general debate, in order to conform this bill to the budget resolution that was adopted yesterday in the House, it was necessary to cut another \$500 million, actually \$508 million, over a half billion, from this bill, and that is the purpose of the amendment that I just offered, and I will submit a statement that will explain in detail how we had to arrive at this point. But I wanted to point out for the RECORD so that it would be clear exactly what it is that we are doing so that no one has any questions.

We have reduced the MLRS launcher line by \$56.2 million. That leaves an increase over the budget of \$10 million. We eliminate, basically eliminate the TAGS ship. We leave \$4 million in that account but we take \$50 million. The third *Seawolf*, we reduce by \$100 million. That still leaves \$599 million in the budget. The new attack submarine program line, we have reduced by \$100 million; that still leaves \$704 million in that account.

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The C-130, the airborne command and control version of that aircraft, we would eliminate one that we had added. That is \$52 million. And then we have a classified item that we are not able to discuss on the floor but those Members cleared for the information are aware of it. That is another \$100 million cut. That comes to \$508 million. I would hope that we could expedite the consideration of this amendment. It is necessary to conform this bill to the budget request or to the budget resolution as passed.

Mr. Chairman, pursuant to the rule, I send to the desk an amendment made in order by the rule.

Mr. Chairman, as I explained during general debate, in order to conform this bill to the conference agreement on the budget resolution, it is necessary to cut the funds in this bill by an additional \$500 million.

That is the purpose of the amendment I just offered—to bring this bill in line with the budget resolution.

In the budget resolution process, the House originally recommended a total for Defense which was \$1.6 billion higher than the Senate.

The House position was higher. And when we passed the Defense authorization bill 4 weeks ago, that bill was marked to the higher House level.

And when we marked up this bill, we also went to the original House-passed level.

We brought this bill to the full Appropriations Committee last week. Based on tentative dis-

cussions in the budget conference, we were led to believe the House and Senate would split the difference in the defense number. That meant the House number would come down by \$800 million.

So in full committee, I offered an amendment which cut our subcommittee bill by \$800 million.

So the bill before the House right now is already \$800 million under our original target.

But when the final budget agreement was reached, it turns out we did not get a split, we went all the way to the lower Senate figure.

That means we have to cut this bill, again.

So, I find myself in the somewhat awkward position of offering this amendment.

For those of you who know me, I think if you had approached me a few years ago, or even a few weeks ago, and said Bill, we want you to offer amendments to cut your committee's Defense appropriations bill by \$1.3 billion, I probably would have told you not on your life.

Our subcommittee wrote a good bill. FLOYD SPENCE, and his committee, and LARRY COMBEST and the Intelligence Committee, they wrote good bills.

We are trying to take care of the troops and their families. We are trying to make sure our personnel have the best equipment, the best training, the best intelligence to do their jobs around the world.

So when as chairman of this subcommittee, I get the pleasure of trying to find \$1.3 billion in cuts to what we thought was a pretty good Defense appropriations bill, it is not a job I enjoy.

But we all have to deal with the hand we have been dealt. So here we are, cutting half a billion dollars out of the Defense bill.

Finding this money has not been easy. We have been working over a week to come up with a balanced package, one that does not do irreparable harm.

And when I say we, I mean myself and our ranking minority member, Mr. MURTHA. I worked with Mr. MURTHA from the start on this. We went back and forth, and believe me, neither of us enjoyed it because we had to make some tough decisions. Everybody had to give something.

We also ran this past our subcommittee, getting their input as well as the members of the committee.

So this is not a perfect amendment, but it is one we tried to develop on a bipartisan basis, one that was fair and that did the least harm.

This amendment cuts a total of \$508.2 million.

We propose cutting \$50 million out of excess spare parts inventories. This a cut we found based on audit work done at the Pentagon that shows in certain instances we have overbudgeted for spare parts.

That was the easy one. To find the other \$458 million, we had to cut, or trim back, money we recommended in modernization programs, each one important to the services.

The amendment cuts \$56.2 million from Army missile procurement, which we recommend to come from the total in the bill for MLRS launchers.

We originally proposed an add over the President's budget of \$66.2 million—we would cut that back by \$56 million.

We take out \$52 million from Air Force aircraft procurement, that being for one airborne command, control, and communications aircraft—or A-B—Triple C.

This was on the Air Force shortfall list, as a top unfunded item. We originally added funds for three A-B—Triple C's, but the amendment takes out money for one of the three.

Navy shipbuilding—there would be a reduction of \$250 million.

This comes in three pieces.

Fifty million dollars is from an oceanographic ship, the TAGS ship. Again, this was on the Navy's shortfall list so we had \$54 million in the bill. We take out \$50 million in the amendment, which leaves \$4 million which could be used with money we provided last year for long-lead purchases needed to build a TAGS ship.

One hundred million dollars comes from the new attack submarine line. Right now the bill has \$800 million for the new attack submarine, providing long lead money for the first sub, which is being built in Groton, CT, and the second sub which will be done at Newport News, VA.

The amendment cuts this back by \$100 million. It does not specify which sub it will come out of. This leaves \$700 million, still an increase of \$404 million over the budget which we think is enough to keep this program underway.

And the final shipbuilding piece comes from the SSN-23, the third *Seawolf*.

Before this year, we had appropriated \$1.6 billion for the third *Seawolf*.

The budget for this year requested \$699 million. The last increment for the *Seawolf* is budgeted for next year, at \$100 million for a total cost of \$2.4 billion.

We think we can take \$100 million out from the \$699 million in the bill, without really disrupting the program.

Most of the money in the request this year is for Government-furnished equipment, or GFE, which means components like pumps and valves, and electronics. These go into the submarine after it is basically built and so we think taking this money out will not really impact the construction schedule.

That brings us to one last item, a \$100 million reduction in Air Force research and development.

This is for classified activities, and I'm constrained from describing what this is because of the sensitivity of the issues.

Let me just say the bill had recommended additions over the budget to accelerate certain activities. This reduction of \$100 million will not stop this effort, and in fact still allows these projects to move out.

On all these items, we know we may need to make adjustments down the line and I expect if we have taken out too much we will have another chance to deal with them in conference.

That's our proposal, a \$508.2 million cut.

If adopted, this would bring the bill down to a total of \$245.3 billion.

This level is significantly less than last year, if you adjust for inflation.

We would be 2 percent less than fiscal year 1996, or about \$4.7 billion less than 1996 when adjusted for inflation.

In fact, if this amendment is adopted, we will be at a level which you could consider as being below the 1996 enacted level, if you back out the pay raise and the extra \$475 million for medical care we have in the bill to restore the cuts for medical care proposed by the President.

I mention all this because you will hear throughout the debate today that this bill is over last year's level—and you will be asked to vote on any number of cutting amendments to bring the bill down even further.

I want to say again—if you vote for this amendment, then we will be nearly \$5 billion less than last year, adjusting for inflation. The DOD will be asked to operate with \$4.7 billion less in terms of buying power. This will be the twelfth straight year Defense budgets will have lost ground.

And we will actually be below a hard freeze, if you give us credit for the pay raise and the medical funding in the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Does any Member seek time in opposition to the amendment?

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Florida [Mr. YOUNG].

The question was taken; and the Chairman announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Florida [Mr. YOUNG] will be postponed.

The Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, for military functions administered by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

MILITARY PERSONNEL

MILITARY PERSONNEL, ARMY

For pay, allowances, individual clothing, subsistence, interest on deposits, gratuities, permanent change of station travel (including all expenses thereof for organizational movements), and expenses of temporary duty travel between permanent duty stations, for members of the Army on active duty (except members of reserve components provided for elsewhere), cadets, and aviation cadets; and for payments pursuant to section 156 of Public Law 97-377, as amended (42 U.S.C. 402 note), to section 229(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 429(b)), and to the Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund; \$20,692,838,000.

MILITARY PERSONNEL, NAVY

For pay, allowances, individual clothing, subsistence, interest on deposits, gratuities, permanent change of station travel (including all expenses thereof for organizational movements), and expenses of temporary duty travel between permanent duty stations, for members of the Navy on active duty (except members of the Reserve provided for elsewhere), midshipmen, and aviation cadets; and for payments pursuant to section 156 of Public Law 97-377, as amended (42 U.S.C. 402 note), to section 229(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 429(b)), and to the Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund; \$17,000,856,000.

MILITARY PERSONNEL, MARINE CORPS

For pay, allowances, individual clothing, subsistence, interest on deposits, gratuities,

permanent change of station travel (including all expenses thereof for organizational movements), and expenses of temporary duty travel between permanent duty stations, for members of the Marine Corps on active duty (except members of the Reserve provided for elsewhere); and for payments pursuant to section 156 of Public Law 97-377, as amended (42 U.S.C. 402 note), to section 229(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 429(b)), and to the Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund; \$6,103,808,000.

MILITARY PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

For pay, allowances, individual clothing, subsistence, interest on deposits, gratuities, permanent change of station travel (including all expenses thereof for organizational movements), and expenses for temporary duty travel between permanent duty stations, for members of the Air Force on active duty (except members of reserve components provided for elsewhere), cadets, and aviation cadets; and for payments pursuant to section 156 of Public Law 97-377, as amended (42 U.S.C. 402 note), to section 229(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. (b)), and to the Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund; \$17,099,550,000.

RESERVE PERSONNEL ARMY

For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, gratuities, travel, and related expenses for personnel of the Army Reserve on active duty under sections 10211, 10302, and 3038 of title 10, United States Code, or while serving on active duty under section 12301(d) of title 10, United States Code, or while serving on active duty under section 12301(d) of title 10, United States Code, in connection with performing duty specified in section 12310(a) of title 10, United States Code, or while undergoing reserve training, or while performing drills or equivalent duty or other duty, and for members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and expenses authorized by section 16131 of title 10, United States Code; and for payments to the Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund; \$2,083,379,000.

RESERVE PERSONNEL, NAVY

For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, gratuities, travel, and related expenses for personnel of the Navy Reserve on active duty under section 10211 of title 10, United States Code, or while serving on active duty under section 12301(d) of title 10, United States Code, in connection with performing duty specified in section 12310(a) of title 10, United States Code, or while undergoing reserve training, or while performing drills or equivalent duty, and for members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and expenses authorized by section 16131 of title 10, United States Code; and for payments to the Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund; \$1,392,406,000.

RESERVE PERSONNEL, MARINE CORPS

For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, gratuities, travel, and related expenses for personnel of the Marine Corps Reserve on active duty under section 10211 of title 10, United States Code, or while serving on active duty under section 12301(d) of title 10, United States Code, in connection with performing duty specified in section 12310(a) of title 10, United States Code, or while undergoing reserve training, or while performing drills or equivalent duty, and for members of the Marine Corps platoon leaders class, and expenses authorized by section 16131 to title 10, United States Code; and for payments to the Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund; \$387,943,000.

RESERVE PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, gratuities, travel, and related expenses for personnel of the Air Force Reserve on active

duty under sections 10211, 10305, and 8038 of title 10, United States Code, or while serving on active duty under section 12301(d) of title 10, United States Code, in connection with performing duty specified in section 12310(a) of title 10, United States Code, or while undergoing reserve training, or while performing drills or equivalent duty or other duty, and for members of the Air Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and expenses authorized by section 16131 of title 10, United States Code; and for payments to the Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund; \$780,497,000.

NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL, ARMY

For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, gratuities, travel, and related expenses for personnel of the Army National Guard while on duty under section 10211, 10302, or 12402 of title 10 or section 708 of title 32, United States Code, or while serving on duty under section 12301(d) of title 10 or section 502(f) of title 32, United States Code, in connection with performing duty specified in section 12310(a) of title 10, United States Code, or while undergoing training, or while performing drills or equivalent duty or other duty, and expenses authorized by section 16131 of title 10, United States Code; and for payments to the Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund; \$3,279,393,000.

NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

For pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, gratuities, travel, and related expenses for personnel of the Air National Guard on duty under section 10211, 10305, or 12402 of title 10 or section 708 of title 32, United States Code, or while serving on duty under section 12301(d) of title 10 or section 502(f) of title 32, United States Code, in connection with performing duty specified in section 12310(a) of title 10, United States Code, or while undergoing training, or while performing drills or equivalent duty or other duty, and expenses authorized by section 16131 of title 10, United States Code; and for payments to the Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund; \$1,294,490,000.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida (during the reading). Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that title I of the bill be considered as read, printed in the RECORD, and open to amendment at any point.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

The CHAIRMAN. Are there any amendments to title I?

If not, the Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

TITLE II

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Army, as authorized by law; and not to exceed \$11,437,000 can be used for emergencies and extraordinary expenses, to be expended on the approval or authority of the Secretary of the Army, and payments may be made on his certificate of necessity for confidential military purposes; \$18,365,679,000 and, in addition, \$50,000,000 shall be derived by transfer from the National Defense Stockpile Transaction Fund: *Provided*, That of the funds appropriated in this paragraph, not less than \$300,000,000 shall be made available only for conventional ammunition care and maintenance: *Provided further*, That of the funds appropriated in this paragraph,

\$12,084,000 shall not be obligated or expended until authorized by law.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Navy and the Marine Corps, as authorized by law; and not to exceed \$3,995,000, can be used for emergencies and extraordinary expenses, to be expended on the approval or authority of the Secretary of the Navy, and payments may be made on his certificate of necessity for confidential military purposes; \$20,390,397,000 and, in addition, \$50,000,000 shall be derived by transfer from the National Defense Stockpile Transaction Fund: *Provided*, That of the funds appropriated in this paragraph, \$39,933,000 shall not be obligated or expended until authorized by law.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS

For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Marine Corps, as authorized by law; \$2,465,077,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Air Force, as authorized by law; and not to exceed \$8,362,000 can be used for emergencies and extraordinary expenses, to be expended on the approval or authority of the Secretary of the Air Force, and payments may be made on his certificate of necessity for confidential military purposes; \$17,938,755,000 and, in addition, \$50,000,000 shall be derived by transfer from the National Defense Stockpile Transaction Fund: *Provided*, That of the funds appropriated in this paragraph, \$39,133,000 shall not be obligated or expended until authorized by law.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE

For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary for the operation and maintenance of activities and agencies of the Department of Defense (other than the military departments), as authorized by law; \$10,212,985,000, of which not to exceed \$25,000,000 may be available for the CINC initiative fund account; and of which not to exceed \$28,500,000 can be used for emergencies and extraordinary expenses, to be expended on the approval or authority of the Secretary of Defense, and payments may be made on his certificate of necessity for confidential military purposes.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY
RESERVE

For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary for the operation and maintenance, including training, organization, and administration, of the Army Reserve; repair of facilities and equipment; hire of passenger motor vehicles; travel and transportation; care of the dead; recruiting; procurement of services, supplies, and equipment; and communications; \$1,116,436,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY RESERVE

For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary for the operation and maintenance, including training, organization, and administration, of the Navy Reserve; repair of facilities and equipment; hire of passenger motor vehicles; travel and transportation; care of the dead; recruiting; procurement of services, supplies, and equipment; and communications; \$882,927,000: *Provided*, That of the funds appropriated in this paragraph, \$24,000,000 shall not be obligated or expended until authorized by law.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS
RESERVE

For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary for the operation and maintenance,

including training, organization, and administration, of the Marine Corps Reserve; repair of facilities and equipment; hire of passenger motor vehicles; travel and transportation; care of the dead; recruiting; procurement of services, supplies, and equipment; and communications; \$108,467,000: *Provided*, That of the funds appropriated in this paragraph, \$2,000,000 shall not be obligated or expended until authorized by law.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE
RESERVE

For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary for the operation and maintenance, including training, organization, and administration, of the Air Force Reserve; repair of facilities and equipment; hire of passenger motor vehicles; travel and transportation; care of the dead; recruiting; procurement of services, supplies, and equipment; and communications; \$1,491,553,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY
NATIONAL GUARD

For expenses of training, organizing, and administering the Army National Guard, including medical and hospital treatment and related expenses in non-Federal hospitals; maintenance, operation, and repairs to structures and facilities; hire of passenger motor vehicles; personnel services in the National Guard Bureau; travel expenses (other than mileage), as authorized by law for Army personnel on active duty, for Army National Guard division, regimental, and battalion commanders while inspecting units in compliance with National Guard Bureau regulations when specifically authorized by the Chief, National Guard Bureau; supplying and equipping the Army National Guard as authorized by law; and expenses of repair, modification, maintenance, and issue of supplies and equipment (including aircraft); \$2,268,477,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR NATIONAL
GUARD

For operation and maintenance of the Air National Guard, including medical and hospital treatment and related expenses in non-Federal hospitals; maintenance, operation, repair, and other necessary expenses of facilities for the training and administration of the Air National Guard, including repair of facilities, maintenance, operation, and modification of aircraft; transportation of things; hire of passenger motor vehicles; supplies, materials, and equipment, as authorized by law for the Air National Guard; and expenses incident to the maintenance and use of supplies, materials, and equipment, including such as may be furnished from stocks under the control of agencies of the Department of Defense; travel expenses (other than mileage) on the same basis as authorized by law for Air National Guard personnel on active Federal duty, for Air National Guard commanders while inspecting units in compliance with National Guard Bureau regulations when specifically authorized by the Chief, National Guard Bureau; \$2,671,373,000.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE
ARMED FORCES

For salaries and expenses necessary for the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces; \$6,797,000, of which not to exceed \$2,500 can be used for official representation purposes.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the Department of Defense; \$1,333,016,000, to remain available until transferred: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Defense shall, upon determining that such funds are required for environmental restoration, reduction and recycling of hazard-

ous waste, removal of unsafe buildings and debris of the Department of Defense, or for similar purposes (including programs and operations at sites formerly used by the Department of Defense), transfer the funds made available by this appropriation to other appropriations made available to the Department of Defense, as the Secretary may designate, to be merged with and to be available for the same purposes and for the same time periods as the appropriations of funds to which transferred: *Provided further*, That upon a determination that all or part of the funds transferred from this appropriation are not necessary for the purposes provided herein, such amounts may be transferred back to this appropriation.

OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER, AND
CIVIC AID

For expenses relating to the Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid programs of the Department of Defense (consisting of the programs provided under sections 401, 402, 404, 2547, and 2551 of title 10, United States Code); \$60,544,000, to remain available until September 30, 1998.

FORMER SOVIET UNION THREAT REDUCTION

For assistance to the republics of the former Soviet Union, including assistance provided by contract or by grants, for facilitating the elimination and the safe and secure transportation and storage of nuclear, chemical and other weapons; for establishing programs to prevent the proliferation of weapons, weapons components, and weapon-related technology and expertise; for programs relating to the training and support of defense and military personnel for demilitarization and protection of weapons, weapons components and weapons technology and expertise; \$302,900,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 1999.

QUALITY OF LIFE ENHANCEMENTS,
DEFENSE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For expenses, not otherwise provided for, resulting from unfunded shortfalls in medical programs and the repair and maintenance of real property of the Department of Defense (including military housing and barracks); \$975,000,000, of which—

(1) \$475,000,000 shall be transferred to funds made available under the heading "Defense Health Program" in title VI of this Act and be available for operation and maintenance; and

(2) \$500,000,000 shall be available for the maintenance of real property of the Department of Defense (including minor construction and major maintenance and repair) and shall remain available for obligation until September 30, 1998, as follows:

Army, \$165,000,000;
Navy, \$75,000,000;
Marine Corps, \$40,000,000;
Air Force, \$120,000,000;
Army Reserve, \$20,000,000;
Navy Reserve, \$20,000,000;
Marine Corps Reserve, \$2,000,000;
Air Force Reserve, \$16,000,000;
Army National Guard, \$29,000,000; and
Air National Guard, \$13,000,000.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida (during the reading). Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that title II be considered as read, printed in the RECORD, and open to amendment at any point.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MS. FURSE

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Ms. FURSE: At the end of title II (page 16, after line 3), add the following new paragraph:

REDUCTION OF FUNDS

Amounts appropriated in other paragraphs of this title are hereby reduced as follows:

From OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY, \$12,950,000.

From OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY, \$3,500,000.

From OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS, \$1,750,000.

From OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE, \$7,700,000.

From OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE, \$9,100,000.

Mr. MURTHA (during the reading). Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Chairman, I am just going to thank the chairman and the ranking member for accepting the amendment. I will not take any more of the time.

Mr. Chairman, I rise to offer an amendment that makes sense for the U.S. taxpayer and that makes sense for our military transportation system. First, however, I want to express my appreciation for the excellent leadership of Chairman YOUNG and Ranking Member MURTHA. Their collegiality is the hallmark of this fine institution in which we work.

My amendment reduces funding for USTRANSCOM—the transportation command—by an additional \$35 million. It will cut out layers of unnecessary wasteful bureaucracy so that the Department of Defense transportation system can operate more efficiently and adopt practices more similar to those utilized in the private sector.

The U.S. Transportation Command budget is estimated at \$4 billion for fiscal year 1997. The General Accounting Office recommended reducing that budget in order to encourage making needed organizational changes.

Our defense transportation costs are much higher than necessary. The Department of Defense frequently pays double or triple the cost of the basic transportation, ocean freight, for example, because of redundant bureaucratic structures.

DOD's transportation system is organized in substantially the same way it was more than a decade ago before the era of containerization. Containers are a much more efficient means of moving cargo intermodally—a container can be trucked overland, shipped across the ocean and then trucked to its ultimate destination without being unpacked at transfer points.

Mr. Chairman, my State of Oregon that is perched on the Pacific rim knows about trade. Our industries know how to move our products around the world in an efficient manner. I know that we can create a seamless, intermodal transportation system that best serves our national security needs. DOD has begun to make some efforts in that direction, but I believe organizational changes are needed in order to achieve real savings.

I urge support for my amendment which will build upon the outstanding work of the subcommittee in implementing those changes.

The CHAIRMAN. The Committee will rise informally in order that the House may receive a message.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. McCrery) assumed the chair.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 178) "Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Committee will resume its sitting.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

The Committee resumed its sitting.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida [Mr. YOUNG].

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the amendment because we are not exactly sure what the effect of it would be. Basically these cuts come from operation and maintenance for all the services. We have made substantial efforts to substantially improve quality of life for the people who serve us in the military.

Mr. Chairman, having just been handed a different copy of the amendment, let me ask the question, is this one not operational now?

Mr. Chairman, I yield to the gentlewoman to answer the question. We are not sure what amendment is pending. It is difficult to get these amendments at the last minute and not know exactly what the effect might be. We have been very careful in crafting the bill to pretty much know what the effect of what we did might be.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the gentlewoman from Oregon [Ms. FURSE], to give us some assurance that her amendment is not directed at operation and maintenance for the services that would affect barracks repair, for example, or quality of life issues, education, things of this nature.

I yield to the gentlewoman from Oregon [Ms. FURSE].

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Chairman, it would help the Department of Defense transportation system operate more efficiently. It would be just directly at that efficiency of operation for U.S. Transcom.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Chairman, just to make sure that we understand, the paper that I was given originally as the gentlewoman's amendment that did relate to operations and maintenance, that is not the operational

amendment that we are dealing with now?

Mr. FURSE. That is correct, Mr. Chairman. I apologize that I caused that confusion. I thank the gentleman for his patience with me.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Chairman, we are willing to accept this amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Oregon [Ms. FURSE].

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. YOUNG OF
FLORIDA

The CHAIRMAN. The pending business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Florida [Mr. YOUNG] on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 396, noes 25, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 239]

AYES—396

Abercrombie	Chabot	Ehlers
Ackerman	Chambliss	Ehrlich
Allard	Chapman	Emerson
Andrews	Chenoweth	Engel
Archer	Christensen	English
Armey	Chrysler	Ensign
Bachus	Clay	Eshoo
Baesler	Clayton	Evans
Baker (CA)	Clement	Farr
Baker (LA)	Clinger	Fattah
Baldacci	Coble	Fawell
Ballenger	Coburn	Fazio
Barcia	Coleman	Fields (LA)
Barrett (NE)	Collins (GA)	Fields (TX)
Barrett (WI)	Collins (IL)	Filner
Barton	Collins (MI)	Flake
Bass	Combest	Flanagan
Bateman	Condit	Foglietta
Becerra	Conyers	Foley
Beilenson	Cooley	Ford
Bentsen	Costello	Fowler
Bereuter	Cox	Fox
Berman	Coyne	Frank (MA)
Bevill	Cramer	Franks (CT)
Bilirakis	Crane	Franks (NJ)
Bliley	Crapo	Frelinghuysen
Blumenauer	Cremins	Frisa
Blute	Cubin	Frost
Boehlert	Cummings	Funderburk
Boehner	Cunningham	Furse
Bonilla	Danner	Gallegly
Bono	Davis	Ganske
Borski	de la Garza	Gekas
Boucher	Deal	Gephardt
Brewster	DeFazio	Gibbons
Browder	DeLay	Gilchrest
Brown (CA)	Dellums	Gilman
Brown (FL)	Deutscher	Gonzalez
Brown (OH)	Diaz-Balart	Goodlatte
Brownback	Dickey	Goodling
Bryant (TN)	Dicks	Gordon
Bryant (TX)	Dingell	Goss
Bunn	Dixon	Graham
Bunning	Doggett	Green (TX)
Burr	Dooley	Greene (UT)
Burton	Doolittle	Greenwood
Buyer	Dornan	Gunderson
Calvert	Doyle	Gutierrez
Camp	Dreier	Gutknecht
Campbell	Duncan	Hall (OH)
Canady	Dunn	Hall (TX)
Cardin	Durbin	Hamilton
Castle	Edwards	Hancock